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From the Amsterdam Courant, dated June 21.

Basil, June 6. *The French Ambassador has presented the following Memorial to the* Swiss Cantons *assembled at* Baden.

Magnificent Lords,

'WHen this Assembly was call'd, I had no reason to believe that the Affairs which should be transacted in it, would be of such Importance as now I find. How indeed could I have imagin'd that some of the laudable Cantons had it in their Thoughts to take such bold Resolutions, as those to which they seem inclin'd? How could I have suspected that they would leave the Path which their glorious Ancestors cut out for them? And that they would deviate from their Examples, in following which they have found so much Advantage, and cannot otherwise maintain the Peace of their Country? For, Magnificent Lords, none of the laudable Cantons will deny that the laudable Swiss Confederacy never offer'd or pretended to take under their Protection any other Places than the Frickdal, and the Towns of Rynfeld, Laufenbourg and Constance. Having reflected on the heavy Consequences which the Resolutions that some of the laudable Cantons seem willing to take might produce, I judg'd it became me to lay aside all Regard to my weak State of Health, and to appear in your laudable Assembly, to represent to you what just Cause the King my Master will have to wonder, when he shall be inform'd that the Swiss, his most dear and antient Allies, on whose Fidelity he always entirely rely'd, and for whom on all Occasions he has express'd so high an Esteem and perfect Consideration, are at present inclin'd to proceed to so great Extremities. I term Extremities, Magnificent Lords, the Design to hinder his Majesty by Force, from holding Correspondence with his Allies, and sending Orders to his Generals. These are such Resolutions as I confess I did not look for: Resolutions, that tend to weaken the good Understanding that is between his Majesty and those laudable Cantons who form such Projects: Resolutions, the Consequences whereof depend on the Answer which I expect from the King; according to whose Orders I shall wholly govern my self: For I desire your Magnificent Lordships to look upon the Contents of this Memorial as a Representation made of my own accord, in which I have no other View, than to remove whatever might disturb the Friendship, the good Correspondence, and perfect Understanding which ought to be between the King, his Allies, and the laudable Swiss Confederates. I have great Complaints to make to you, of the Violences acted daily by the Imperialists on your Territories, after the Assurances they had given you to the contrary, but I referr it to another occasion; mean time it becomes you to take due Care to prevent their committing any more such Violences in the Frickdal, since you cannot forget it was on that Condition only, that the King agreed to the Neutrality desir'd for that District. Several Officers who have been oblig'd to pass through your Country, having met with hard, nay cruel Usage, will no doubt complain of it to the Marshal de Villars, who of Course will acquaint the King with it; and indeed I cannot excuse my self any longer from giving an Account of it to his Majesty; but I hope you will give better Orders for the future. I have nothing to add, Magnificent Lords, but to assure you, that it rests wholly in you, to keep up the perfect good Understanding that has been so long between France and the laudable Cantons, and that with more Lustre now than ever: This, Magnificent Lords, I am order'd to assure you on all Occasions that may present. For my own part, I earnestly intreat you to believe, that there is nothing I shall endeavour with more Zeal, than to do you all the good Service I can with the King my Master.

From the Amsterdam Courant, dated June 23.

Schafhuysen, June 13. The General Diet of the Cantons broke up yesterday, after they had pass'd a Resolution to take the Frickdal, Constance, and the Forrest Towns into their Protection, and to put 1000 Men into the Towns on this side the Lake; which Men the Cantons of Zurick, Bern, and St. Gall, have undertaken to furnish on condition of being paid for them, and even to raise a greater Number if occasion be, The French are allow'd to pass over our Frontiers by 20 Men in a Company, but the following Company is not to come upon our Territories till the former is gone off. These Resolutions will not be very pleasing to the Marquess de Puisieux, as may be guess'd by the following Memorial.

Magnificent Lords,

'I Have receiv'd the King my Master's Answer to the Account I did my self the Honour to give him of the Sentiments which some of the laudable Cantons appear'd to have at the opening of this Assembly. His Majesty has signified to me, that he is the more surpriz'd at the Intentions of those Cantons, seeing they cannot make a doubt, but that it was purely at the Instance of the laudable Swiss Confederacy that his Majesty consented to the Neutrality for the Frickdal, Rynfeld, Laufenburg, and Constance. For, in which of the laudable Cantons can a Man be found who is ignorant, that in the former Wars it was in the King my Master's Power to have possess'd himself of those Places; and that there were more cogent Reasons to induce him to have done it this War, because his Army could not have had a more commodious Passage than through those Places to Swabia, nor have more easily kept open a Communication with the Rhine?

'His Majesty commands me to tell you, That you may well perceive from the Orders he gave to his Generals, how much he tenders your Quiet: The Marshal de Villars chose to divide his Army, to the end that one Part of his Troops might secure the Passage of his Officers and Baggage from your Frontiers to the Danube, rather than by making himself Master of a Post on the

'Lake

Lake of Conſtance, (which might have been of great Uſe to him,) to give you the leaſt Uneaſineſs.

'Mean time, Magnificent Lords, how great Conſideration and uncommon Regard ſoever his Majeſty has had for the laudable Swiſs Confederacy, it has not been ſufficient to prevail with you to give entire Credit to the Uprightneſs of the King my Maſter's Deſigns: As appears by ſome of the Cantons ſending their Troops into the Places on the other ſide of the Lake of Conſtance, with deſign to obſtruct the Progreſs of his Majeſty's Arms; though they cannot be ſuppos'd to have had any other thoughts, than that it would have been very difficult for them to keep him out of any Poſt on the Lake, had he undertaken to poſſeſs himſelf of one.

'At length, Magnificent Lords, the King's Army is drawn off from your Frontiers, ſo that thoſe who were under imaginary Fears of being hem'd in by France, may be at reſt, both now and for the Future. I ſay for the Future, his Majeſty having commanded me to aſſure your Lordſhips on his part, That in caſe he finds himſelf oblig'd, for ſecuring the Communication of his Letters with Swabia, to poſſeſs himſelf of one of the Places on the Frontiers, he will not only deſire the laudable Cantons to put a Swiſs Garriſon into it, but will maintain the Soldiers they ſhall furniſh for that Service at his own Charge, provided they will promiſe to keep that Place in a perfect Neutrality, and that it ſhall only be employ'd for maintaining a Free Communication of Letters, and for a Paſſage for the Officers to and from the Army of the Marſhal de Villars.

'Could a plainer Demonſtration of Friendſhip be given to the Laudable Swiſs Confederated Cantons, than what his Majeſty offers on this Occaſion? Make what uſe of it you pleaſe, Magnificent Lords, for I will not conceal from you, that one way or other the King will keep open a Communication with his Army. If you ſhall comply with the Propoſal made to you by the Marſhal de Villars, his Majeſty will be well ſatisfied. But if you cannot prevail with the Emperor and Empire to agree to it, He will endeavour by other Means to ſecure ſome Poſt, on condition however to put it into your hands, for you to keep it in the manner before mention'd.

'I make ſure Account, that there is not a Man in Switzerland who does not obſerve with Satisfaction, that his Majeſty lets no Opportunity eſcape him of giving firm and ſincere Proofs of his Eſteem and Friendſhip for the Laudable Swiſs Confederates. And, I cannot doubt but you will ſhew a Mutual Regard for his Majeſty, at leaſt I can aſſure you he expects it. To conclude, Magnificent Lords, I beſeech you to take this Memorial into your Prudent Conſideration, for ſuch Propoſals deſerve it, the rather, for that I am fully ſatisfied, that a good Underſtanding between his Majeſty and the Laudable Swiſs Confederacy cannot but be very Beneficial as well as Neceſſary to the Laudable Cantons.

Baden, June 6. *Puiſieux.*

London, June 17. The Duke of Savoy is enter'd into the Grand Alliance, and will ſpeedily march with a great Number of Forces to joyn the Imperial Army in Italy.

AT the Theatre Royal in *Drury-Lane*, this preſent *Friday* being the 18th of *June*, will be preſented a Comedy call'd, *Love's Laſt Shift*, or, *The Fool in Faſhion*, being the laſt time of Acting it this Seaſon. With an Entertainment of Flute Muſick by Mr. *Banniſter* and his Son. And alſo a new piece of Inſtrumental Muſick on the Stage by the beſt Hands. And the Famous Mr. *Claxton* and his Son will perform *The Highland*, and *The Whip of* Dunboyne. And the Famous Mr, *Clyneh* being now in Town, will for thi once, at the deſire of ſeveral Perſons of Quality, perform his Imitation of an *Organ* with 3 Voices, the *Double Curtel*, and the *Bells*, the *Huntſman* with his *Horn* and *Pack of Dogs*; All which he performs with his Mouth on the open Stage, being what no Man beſides himſelf could ever yet attain to.

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